

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1931 - HB 2019

February 16, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the "Foster Care Support and Continuity Act. Authorizes a foster parent who maintained continuous physical custody of a foster child for at least six months to remain in contact with the child after the child has been reunited with a biological parent or relative provided that the biological parent does not oppose and such contact does not jeopardize the child's health or welfare.

Grants a foster parent who maintains physical custody of a foster child for 12 or more continuous months, or 15 months out of the previous 22 months, legal standing in any custody hearing involving the foster child.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, any fiscal impact to the court is estimated to be not significant.
- No fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.
- Any fiscal impact will be borne by private parties; therefore, no fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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